

# The Commissioner's REPORT

New Jersey  
Transportation  
Highlights

Governor  
James E. McGreevey

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Commissioner  
Jack Lettiere

## FY2005 CAPITAL PROGRAM

Transportation Commissioner Jack Lettiere recently announced that the NJDOT has proposed a \$2.3 billion capital program for FY2005 that will put over \$900 million in construction work on the street over the next two years. This strong program will focus on repairing roads and bridges, improving safety and relieving congestion on our

State's roadways, and maintaining and increasing public transportation options. It will allow the NJDOT to proceed with major rehabilitations of our State's infrastructure, with a special emphasis on bridges. This capital program will also fund a strong Local Aid program that will provide direct property tax relief to municipalities.

## NJDOT'S PAVEMENT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

Commissioner Lettiere recently announced a statewide initiative that will improve New Jersey's roads and save millions annually in repair costs using new computer-based technology to survey road conditions and map out preventive maintenance. By using state-of-the-art technology to monitor the surface and sub-surface of our highway pavement and determine the appropriate maintenance fix, NJDOT will be

able to extend the life of pavement by up to a decade and save millions for use in repairing other roads.

In FY2004, NJDOT spent \$120 million on road repair, of that \$3 million on preventive maintenance. Commissioner Lettiere has stated that for FY2005, NJDOT would spend at least this amount on its pavement programs, and would hope to spend even more.

## NJDOT ATTACKING POTHOLES EARLY

The winter of 2003-2004 has been especially rough on New Jersey's roadways. Recognizing this problem, the NJDOT has jump-started its annual effort to fill potholes statewide. In mid-February, Governor James McGreevey and Commissioner Lettiere announced an aggressive \$15 million roadway repair program to address damage caused by severe winter temperatures.

The NJDOT has already initiated work, including weekend shifts, on highways that have been damaged by the recent onslaught of winter storms. Over the next several months, the NJDOT will utilize 100 road crews, six special "pothole killer" trucks, paving contracts, and an online/hotline reporting system, under this \$15 million initiative.



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